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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

MR. SPEAKER : Now, I shall take up the questions to be answered by the Hon. Finance Minister.

Transfer to Kerala of the golden sword of the Payassi Raja

* 180 Q.—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have removed to the Madras Museum this year the golden sword recovered from North Malabar and belonging to the family of Payassi Raja according to legend;

(b) if so, whether the Government have any proposal to return the sword to the Kerala State to be formed; and

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to return all important objects in the Madras Museum which have historical significance with reference to Malabar to the Kerala State to be formed under the reorganization scheme?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) & (b) The Member apparently refers to the three gold sword hilts which were found in Kavilumpara amsam in Kurumbranad taluk, Malabar district, and which were notified as treasure trove by the Collector of Malabar. The treasure trove has not been removed to the Government Museum, Madras. It is still in the district of Malabar.

(c) No, Sir. It is reported that the number of objects of historical interest from Malabar district in this Museum is very very small and negligible.

Representation for Non-Gazetted Officers in the Legislative Council

* 181 Q.—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have received any representation from the Madras State Non-Gazetted Officers' Association after their annual conference held at Madras in May 1956 requesting the Government to take necessary steps to give them representation in the Legislative Council and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : A resolution requesting representation for Non-Gazetted Officers in the State Legislature as well as in Lok Sabha was received by Government along with other resolutions passed at the 34th State Conference of the Non-Gazetted Officers' Association held at Madras in May 1956. After examining the request, the Association was informed that the Government considered it neither necessary nor desirable to give any representation to the Non-Gazetted Officers in the Legislature.